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Please delete FIG. 4.

REMARKS**INTRODUCTION:**

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification and drawings have been amended in light of the newly presented claims by removing the FIG. 4 and other material previously included on filing of U.S. patent application no. 09/583,877 but which was not explicitly disclosed in the ultimate parent application U.S. patent application no. 09/263,816. In view of this removal and the claims as presented, the priority of the instant application has been amended to more accurately depend only from the parent application, U.S. patent application no. 09/263,816, which was copending with the instant application on filing, since the instant application no longer qualifies as a continuation in part.

A copy of the Declaration from U.S. patent application no. 09/263,816 is enclosed since the instant application no longer claims dependency from U.S. patent application no. 09/583,877 since the material included in U.S. patent application no. 09/583,877 has been removed.

Claims 1-28 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 29-47 have been added. No new matter is being presented relative to U.S. patent application no. 09/263,816, and approval and entry of the foregoing amendments and new claim are respectfully requested.

Claims 29-47 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is requested.

PATENTABILITY OF NEW CLAIMS:

It is respectfully submitted that claims 29-47 are deemed patentable for reasons similar to why claims 1, 4, 9, 10, 14, and 16 as previously presented were deemed patentable.

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.


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